National Waterways namely (i) the Ganga from Allahabad to Haldia (1620 km.) (ii) the Brahmaputra from Sadiya to Dhubri (891 km.) and (iii) the West Coast Canal from Kollam to Kottapuram along with Champakara and Udyogmandal canals (205 km.). Basic infrastructural facilities for shipping and navigation namely navigational channel, navigational aids, and terminals are being provided on these National Waterways.

Further, following three rivers/canals systems are in the process of declaration as National Waterways.

(i) Kakinada-Puducherry Canals along with rivers Godavari and Krishna (1095 km.).

(ii) East Coast Canal along with river Brahmani and Mahanadi Delta (623 km.).

(iii) River Barak (121 km.).

(c) to (f) 21 Projects for development of Inland Water Transport sector were received from the Government of Kerala under Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS). Out of these, one project namely "Revival of Veli-Kovalam stretch of TS canal" was sanctioned at a cost of Rs 362.22 lakhs and initial release of Rs. 65.30 lakhs was also made during 2004-05 to the State Government. Five (5) project could not be processed for sanction for want of information sought from the State Government. Remaining fifteen (15) projects could not be sanctioned as CSS was discontinued w.e.f 01.04.07 by the Planning Commission.

Emissions by private vehicles

2272. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to stop private transport which is causing/increasing air pollution; and

(b) the measures being adopted by Government to reduce the quantity of emissions by the private vehicles and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir. A motor vehicle is entitled to ply on roads as long as it conforms to the prescribed emission standards.

(b) The prototype of every motor vehicle is required to undergo Type Approval test from any of the authorized testing agencies under Rule 126 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 to ensure that the vehicle meets the prescribed emission norms. Further, under Rule 115(7) of the Central Motor Vehicles Rule, 1989, all in-use motor vehicles are required to obtain 'Pollution Under Control' (PUC) certificate every six months from the agencies authorized by the State Governments.

Road network to tourist/religious spots

2273. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to develop road network to tourist/religious spots in coordination with Tourism Ministry to promote tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of road network that would be developed for the purpose in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Ministry of tourism has identified eleven important roads/ routes consisting of NH and State Roads to provide connectivity to the important tourist/religious sites. Out of the identified roads/routes, the developments of National Highways in nine routes have already been included for development under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) and Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in North Eastern Region (SARDP-NE). The non NHDP sections of National Highways are being improved/maintained within the available fund and *inter-se* priority of various works. The remaining one route in the State of Orissa consists of State Roads for which the responsibility for development/maintenance lies with the State Government.

(c) the following roads/routes falling in the State of Orissa have been identified by the Ministry of Tourism for the development/upgradation:

* Roads leading to Lalitgiri, Ratangiri and Udaigiri.

  This route consists of State Roads for which the responsibility for development/ maintenance lies with the State Government.

* Road connecting Bhubaneswar-Konark-Puri.

  This route consists of NH-203. While, the stretch from Bhubaneshwar to Puri has been included for development under NHDP, the stretch from Konark to Puri is being maintained in traffic worthy condition within the available funds.

Conversion of roads as NHs in Rajasthan

†2274. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether to lessen the pressure on Golden Quadrilateral Highway, action would be taken to declare the following roads as highways;

(b) Dharuhera-Bhiwadi-Alwar-Thanagaji-Pratapgarh-Raiser-Jamvaramgarh-Jaipur-Phagi-Malpura-Kekdi-Shahpura-Banera-Bhilwara-Sahada-Nathdwara-Mawali-Bhatewar-Kanod-Salumber-Aaspur-Sagwada-Galiakot-Rampur-Lunawada-Kapadwanj-Nadiyad-Anand-Surat;

(c) Kolayat-Nokha-Sujangarh-Salasar-Sikar-Neem-Ka-Thana-Kotputli-Bansur-Alwar-Ramgarh-Deeg-Bharatpur-Roopwas-Sepda-Dholpur; and

(d) Mathura-Bharatpur-Bayana-Hindon-Shrimahavirji-Gangapur City-Malarna-Bhadoti-Sawai Madhopur-Jaitpur-Baharanwada-Khotoli-Mangrol-Baran-Bapawar-Khanpur-Aklera-Manoharthana-Bayawar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (d) No, Sir. At present emphasis is

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